



E000612

Regional Medical Programs

Suggested Questions for Budget Briefings

RMP Operational Grants

1. How does RMP fit into the National effort to improve the delivery of health care?
2. How does RMP relate to CHP, Health Services R&D, and new proposals like HMO's and FHIP?
3. What will be the effect of areawide Health Planning agency (314b) review of RMP proposals?
4. After 5 years of operation, to what specific accomplishments can you point to indicate that your goals and objectives are being met?
5. Your 1970 grant obligation level of \$78.2 million has been reduced to \$70 million for 1971 and \$75 million for 1972. Addressing the 1971 and 1972 reductions, please explain the impact on the operations of the 55 Regional Medical Programs.
6. Your new authorization (P.L. 91-515) for Regional Medical Programs grants was expanded to include support for kidney disease. How do you plan to use the authority? Do you have a policy on processing and funding grant applications for kidney disease activities?
7. Your 1972 budget includes \$5 million in obligations for the construction of a Cancer Treatment Center in the Northwest part of the United States. Could you be more specific? Do you have any other construction plans in 1971 or 72?
8. How are you responding to the earmarks in the 1971 conference report?
 - (a) Mobile coronary care.
 - (b) Kidney disease
9. In view of the new grant authority to support kidney disease activities in 1971 and the phase-out of Federal support for the Home Hemodialysis Training Centers in 1972, will it be phased out? What are your long range plans for the Kidney Disease Control Contract Program (approximately \$3.4 million)? Will new initiatives be undertaken?

Kidney Disease - Direct operations

10. Your budget states that you have supported 12 Home Hemodialysis Training Centers since 1967. We understand that federal support of these Centers will be phased-out after 1972. How much money have we invested into these Centers and how many people have we trained for home hemodialysis through 1972. Will these Centers become self-sufficient in 1973?

Smoking and Health

11. What effect will the January 2, 1971 termination of cigarette TV advertisements have on the effort of the Smoking and Health Program?

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Congressman Michel

is asking questions on Object Class increases and decreases. The budget schedule is at E(2).

Permanent positions	+\$254,000	Increased pay cost - <u>\$159,000</u> . Mandatory within-grade pay increases - <u>\$157,000</u> .
Positions other than permanent	+\$ 44,000	Public Law 91-515 allows increase in rate of compensation for consultants to be more consistent with rates for full time employees. Sec. set rate at GS-15 equivalent.
Personnel benefits	+\$ 22,000	Annualization of health insurance benefits - <u>\$4,000</u> . Increased pay costs - <u>\$18,000</u> .
Project contracts	-\$157,000	To cover cost of mandatory with-in grade pay increases.
Grants, subsidies and contributions	+\$4,702,000	To cover most of <u>\$5,000,000</u> earmarked for cancer institute in Northwestern part of the United States.